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RE: 5C Judicial Vacancy

The following attorneys and magistrates have submitted applications for the appointment as District Court Judge for the Fifth Judicial District of Iowa.

Christine E. Branstad Emily Gould Chafa Diane L. Dornburg Thomas J. Duff David M. Erickson Jeffrey D. Farrell Celene M. Gogerty William A. Hill Margaret E. Johnson Gary W. Kendell
David L. Leitner
Christopher L. McDonald
Lawrence P. McLellan
Paul D. Scott
Joseph W. Seidlin
Jeanie Kunkle Vaudt
Jason D. Walke
Paul L. White

The appointment is occasioned by the retirement of District Judge Don C. Nickerson. In accordance with Iowa's merit system for judicial selection, the Judicial Election District 5C Judicial Nominating Commission will meet in formal session on Friday, April 13, 2012 to interview the candidates and nominate two of them for the position. Iowa's Governor Terry Branstad will then select one candidate for the judgeship. The interview portion of the meetings is open to the public which begins at 9:00 a.m.

Any interested person may comment on the applicant's qualifications to serve by contacting the Chair of 5C Judicial Nominating Commission, Arthur E. Gamble, Polk County Courthouse, 500 Mulberry Street, Des Moines, IA 50309.

ARTHUR E. GAMBLE, Chairperson

5-C JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION